

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, lines 10-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

2. Description of the Related Art

In a coating system having a work of providing a plastic parts, after a primer paint, a color base paint, a base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment and a clear paint are sequentially coated in a wet on wet manner, each of these coatings are baked at one time.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, line 30 and 2, lines 1-5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, an idea of increasing the concentration of a white color family pigment in the coating is raised as a method to reduce the film thickness of the color base coating film to less than 18 μm . However, the concentration of the white color family pigment in the color base paint cannot be increased any further because a property of a coating film such as weather resistance and adhesiveness of base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment is deteriorated.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 2, lines 18-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The first aspect of the present invention provides a coating method of a plastic parts, comprising: coating a primer paint on a work made of a black color family resin; coating a color base paint containing a color pigment on a primer coating film formed by coating the primer paint; coating a base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment on a color base coating film formed by coating the color base paint; and coating a clear paint on a base coating film formed by coating the base paint, wherein the primer paint contains a color pigment having an L^* value of 80 or more in CIE colorimetric system $L^*a^*b^*$.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 2, line 26 and page 3, lines 1-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The second aspect of the present invention provides a coating method of a plastic parts, comprising: coating a primer paint containing organic color pigments and/or inorganic color pigments on a work made of a black color family resin; coating a color base paint containing color pigments on a primer coating film formed by coating the primer paint; coating a base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment on a color base coating film formed by coating the color base paint; and coating a clear paint on a base coating film formed by coating the base paint, wherein a tone of a coating film formed by coating the primer paint, the color base paint, the base paint and the clear paint has an L* value of 80 or more in CIE colorimetric system L*a*b* and a value of 10 or less in a formula of $\sqrt{(a^*)^2 + (b^*)^2}$.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 6, lines 22-30 and page 7, lines 1-4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, after finishing the color base coating process 12, in a base coating process 13 as shown in FIG. 1, a base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment is formed by coating of the base paint which contains **[[a]] an** effect pigment in a wet on wet manner following the previously coated color base coating film 3. The base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment forms the top coat film together with the clear coating film 5 coated in the next process, and gives the coating color of the plastic parts. The effect pigments such as aluminum flake and mica flake can be used, which gives a glitter to the coating film in view of design. Generally, since the white pearl color base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment shows an extremely low opacity to the substrate, the color base coating film 3 is given the opacity to the substrate as described above. The film thickness of the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment is preferably equal to or more than 8 μm and equal to or less than 15 μm .

Please replace paragraphs starting at page 7, lines 5-22, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Then, after finishing the base coating process 13, in a clear coating process 14 as shown in FIG. 1, a clear coating film 5 is formed by coating of the clear paint in a wet on wet manner following the previously coated base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment. The clear coating film 5 forms the top coat film together with the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment as described above, and is a transparent coating film which does not contain a color pigment. The film thickness of clear coating film 5 is preferably equal to or more than 20 μm and equal to or less than 40 μm .

Particularly, the tone of the top coat film in the present embodiment which comprises the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment and the clear coating film 5 shows a white pearl coating color having the L^* value of 80 or more in CIE colorimetric system $L^*a^*b^*$ and the value of 10 or less in a formula of $\sqrt{\{(a^*)^2 + (b^*)^2\}}$.

According to the forgoing processes, after forming the primer coating film 2, the color base coating film 3, the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment and the clear coating film 5, these four coating films are baked in a baking process 15 at one time. The baking condition is 130 °C x 20 minutes, for example.

Please replace paragraphs starting at page 8, lines 7-30 and page 9, lines 1-3, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

In the aforementioned embodiment, the primer coating film 2, the color base coating film 3, the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment and the clear coating film 5 are baked together at one time (a so-called 4-coat-1-bake coating system). However, the coating method of the present invention also includes the coating system shown in FIG. 2 or FIG. 3.

As shown in FIG. 2, this embodiment is conducted by coating the same primer paint as that of aforementioned embodiment in the primer coating process 11, and then baking the same primer paint in the baking process 16. Thereafter, in the color base coating process 12, the color base coating film 3 is formed by coating a color base paint on the dried primer

coating film 2. The following base coating process 13 and clear coating process 14 have the same process as that described in the foregoing embodiment. In the last baking process 15, the color base coating film 3, the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment and the clear coating film 5 coated in a wet on wet manner are baked together at one time (a so-called 4-coat-2-bake coating system).

Additionally, as shown in FIG. 3, this embodiment is conducted by coating the same primer paint as that of aforementioned embodiment in the primer coating process 11, and coating a color base paint in a wet on wet manner in the color base coating process 12, and then baking the primer paint and the color base paint together in the baking process 17 at one time. Next, in the base coating process 13, the base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment is formed by coating a base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment on the dried color base coating film 3. Thereafter, the clear paint is coated in a wet on wet manner in the clear coating process 14, and in the last baking process 15, this base coating film 4 containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment which is coated in a wet on wet manner and the clear coating film 5 are baked together at one time (a so-called 4-coat-2-bake coating system).

Please replace paragraph starting at page 9, lines 20-30 and page 10, lines 1-5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Example 1)

Five test pieces made of polypropylene having a size of 140 mm x 70 mm x 3 mm thickness were prepared, and a primer paint was coated on these sheets at a 10 μ m thickness. This primer paint was made by adding 0.2 wt% (ratio to the solid content of the primer paint) of quinophthalone family yellow pigment (Palitol Yellow L-0960HD, L* value = 85, made by BASF Corp.) to a primer paint (RB-194 N8.5 primer, made by Nippon Bee Chemical Co., Ltd.). Next, a color base paint (R-305DQX1 color base, Hiding power; 30 μ m or more, made by Nippon Bee Chemical Co., Ltd.) was coated on each of five test pieces in a wet on wet manner while adjusting the thickness by 5 μ m for each piece in the range of 5 μ m to 25 μ m. Further, a base paint containing **[[a]] an** effect pigment (R-305DQX1 mica base, made by

Nippon Bee Chemical Co., Ltd.) was coated thereon in a wet on wet manner at a 10 μm thickness. Furthermore, a clear paint (R-365 clear, made by Nippon Bee Chemical Co., Ltd.) was coated thereon in a wet on wet manner at a 25 μm thickness, then these coatings were baked together at one time under the condition of 130 °C x 20 minutes.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 11, lines 9-16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Example 5)

The same condition as Example 1 was employed with the exception that the base paint containing [[a]] an effect pigment was changed to another base paint (R-305D WKO mica base, made by Nippon Bee Chemical Co., Ltd.), and the tone of obtained top coat film exhibited the L^* value of 85 in CIE colorimetric system $L^*a^*b^*$ and the value of 5 in a formula of $\sqrt{(a^*)^2 + (b^*)^2}$. The color difference and the finish appearance were evaluated. The result is shown in FIG. 6B and FIG. 7.